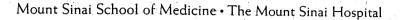


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Dear Dr. McAllister,

As I promised, enclosed please you will find the outline of the program of the Gordon Research Conference on "Structural macromolecules:collagen" to be held in Colby-Sawyer College from June 24th to 28th, 1991 and for which you expressed the willingness to provide some funds to cover the travel expenses of the invited speakers. I want to reiterate my appreciation for your help especially in these times of poor federal funding. We believe that the program is a very good one and reflects the broad range of interest that collagen and extracellular matrix elicit in the biomedical community. Please forward the money directly to Dr. Alexander M. Cruickshank, Gordon Research Center, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881-0801, indicating the name of the conference for which they are intended and its dates and location.

Finally, I would appreciate if you could also send a copy of the letter for my files.

Again, with my and Dr. Kuhn most sincere appreciation for the generous help your organization is giving to our conference, my very best regards.

Sincerely,

Francesco Ramirez, Ph.D.